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Police Called Prime Red Target

CHICAGO. (AP). — The acting director of the Central Intelligence Agency said today that police forces are a prime target for Communist agents.

Lt. Gen. C. P. Cabell in a speech prepared for the conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, said Communist infiltration into police executive jobs was a key move in putting Czechoslovakia behind the Iron Curtain.

In addition to taking over a police department from the top level posts, Cabell said, Communists use tactics of infiltration of the rank and file to achieve their ends.

He cited the case of a Stuttgart, Germany, policeman who used his position as photographer for the department to copy confidential police documents and plans of a nearby industrial plant for delivery to the West German Communist Party.

Another Army man, Maj. Gen. William H. Maglin, provost marshal general, told the police chiefs the Army's crime rate is well below that for civilians. As provost marshal general, Maglin is head of the military police corps.

He declared the main reason for the Army's record is its "chain-of-care," in which commanders, chaplains and legal aid officers all watch out for the welfare of the men in their units.

Even after a soldier has been convicted of a crime, Maglin declared, the Army's rehabilitation program gives him a chance for a clean bill of health and an honorable discharge if the remainder of his service is satisfactory.

The chiefs of police meeting, the 63rd annual convention, will continue through Thursday.